Utilisation of Naval Forces during Strike of Port and Dock Workers

1368. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Naval Forces were utilised during the strike of port and dock workers in January, 2000;

(b) the details of the total Naval personnel deployed in each port during the strike;

(c) whether the Minister has received a communication from Central Trade Unions opposing the use of such personnel; and

(d) the steps taken by Government on these communications?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The services of 1025 Naval personnel were utilised for running essential services *viz* manning of pilot launches, tugs, water barages, port signal stations and mooring boast during the strike of port and dock workers in January, 2000. The details are annexed in the statement *(see* below) This was considered necessary as complete stoppage of operations at these port would have adversely affected the supplies of defence related stores to the Services and other essential commodities. A communication was received by Raksha Mantri from various Trade Union bodies requesting non-deployment of Naval personnel. The conciliatory approach adopted by the Government had enabled resolution of the strike amicably.

Statement

SI No.	Port	Personnel employed	
		Officers	Sailors
1.	Kandla/Vadinar	4	68
2.	Mumbai	13	120
3.	JNPT	04	65

SI. No.	Port	Personnel employed	
		Officers	Sailors
4.	Marmagoa	02	65
5.	New Mangalore	02	76
6.	Kochi	05	71
7.	Tuticorin	03	17
8.	Chennai	08	134
9.	Visakhapatnam	02	139
10	Paradip	02	152
11.	Kolkata Haldia/Diamond Harbour	03	70
	TOTAL	48	977

Manufacturing of Aerotyres for IAF

1369. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the aerotyres for Indian Air Force are manufactured in Sahaganj Unit of Dunlop India Limited (DIL) only;

(b) if not, the name of other indigenous manufactures;

(c) type of aircrafts where aerotyres are used;

(d) quantity of aerotyres imported after the suspension of work in Sahaganj Unit;

(e) financial implications *viz.* foreign exchange outgo and higher cost incurred on this account; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to resume and sustain optimal production in Dunlop unit to serve defence interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Aerotyres are being used in 16 types of service aircrafts,